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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 26, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JAMES T. LYNN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEB*

SUBJECT:

NORTHEAST RAIL OPERATING  
SUPPLEMENT

Confirming phone call to Paul O'Neill this morning the President reviewed your memorandum on the above subject and approved the following recommendation:

"DOT be authorized to notify the Congress that a supplemental appropriation of \$12 million for operating assistance will be submitted promptly."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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Called Ted Leland 426-1111 on 2/26/76 at 11 A.M. and asked for report on what happened at meeting with Labor Leaders.

GBF 2/26/76



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Agree \_\_\_\_\_

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*what happened at mtg*  
*Chuck*  
*w/ John*



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MLJ

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